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The Attorney General

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, founded by Martin Luther King, Jr., held demonstrations on January 15, 1969, King's birthday, urging that his birthday be made a national holiday. Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has advocated national holiday status for King's birthday, according to press accounts.

In view of this, there is enclosed a document regarding the communist influence on King during his career [redacted] For your information, a copy of this document is also being furnished to the President.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

Classified "Top Secret" as information in this letter and in the enclosure, if disclosed, could compromise informants and jeopardize the national security. The Director approved memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-17-69, captioned Martin Luther King, Jr., recommending enclosed document be sent to the President and the Attorney General. See memorandum Mr. G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 1-22-69, captioned as above, prepared by TJD:sd.

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